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BSNL MOBILE PHONE CONNECTIONS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) mobile phone users in the country especially in Satara District of Maharashtra;

(b) the number of mobile towers in the country especially in Satara District of Maharashtra;

(c) the number of mobile towers proposed to be installed in the country especially in Satara District, Tehsil-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide mobile service to remote areas of Satara District?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has 4.07 crores mobile phone users in its area of operation as on 31.03.2008, out of which 97,816 number of mobile phone users are in District Satara of Maharashtra.

(b) 32,208 number of mobile (GSM) towers are in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited network as on 31.03.2008 out of which 105 mobile towers are in Satara district of Maharashtra.

(c) About 21,007 mobile towers are proposed to be installed in the BSNL's network in the current GSM project and out of these 116 towers are proposed in Satara District (Tehsil-wise details are given in the Annexure)

(d) The proposed towers are mostly in rural areas of Satara District and work will be done on top priority basis.